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Having graduated from The University of Melbourne with a major in Atmosphere and Ocean Science, Hashani brings a new area of expertise to HIP V. HYPE Sustainability with her understanding and interest in weather and climate.

Hashani began her journey with HIP V. HYPE Sustainability as an intern in 2016 before joining more permanently as a Junior Consultant. Her natural curiosity is put to work researching new sustainable initiatives, technologies and materials to keep the team up to date on recent innovations. She also provides technical support, delivering thermal performance modelling for buildings of all shapes and sizes. Hashani's strength lies in her ability to communicate sustainability values clearly and effectively, and she uses these skills to affect change by amplifying the voices of those not often heard around her.

Hashani is interested in the relationship between people and the natural environment, and the impact of our collective consumption. This fascination led Hashani back to university to study a Masters of Environment, majoring in Energy Efficiency, where she will further investigate sustainable building practices and her new-found passion for community driven development.

Social volunteer work plays an important role in Hashani's life. Committed to volunteering in her community from a young age, Hashani has seen how every interaction has the potential to create positive change. Working with St Vincent De Paul, Hashani makes house calls to the most vulnerable people in St Albans, volunteers at the local school breakfast, works to develop a youth division through her local parish, and is a supportive mentor to students. These experiences keep her grounded and give her insight into the needs of her local community, from the most vulnerable to the young and aspiring.

When she's not at work or volunteering, you can probably find Hashani playing baseball or brushing up on her Bollywood dance moves. Hashani's love of team sports reflects her ambition to take a collaborative approach to life and look to the collective to solve problems.

Hashani's strong Sri Lankan heritage and upbringing has helped shape her values. Vivid memories of her grandmother's house surrounded by a myriad of coconut, coffee, fruit and tropical trees have instilled a deep sense of respect for the natural environment; a profound admiration that influences her decision making on a daily basis.

Hashani's work with HIP V. HYPE Sustainability allows her to be a part of a positive movement that cares about the future, especially of those she supports in her volunteering endeavours.

Formal Qualifications

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- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ATMOSPHERE & OCEAN), UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
 - GRADUATE AWARD IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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